

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed May 19, 2008. Currently, claims 1, 2, 5-21, 24 and 26 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 5-16, and 24 have been rejected and claim 5 has been objected to. Claims 17-21 and 26 have been allowed. With this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-16, and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, claim 5 was objected to as containing an informality. However, with this Amendment, claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice rendering this objection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, claims 1-2, 5-14, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adams et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0254528). Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2, 5-14, and 24, without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

On page 4 of the Final Office Action, claims 1-2, 6, 8-12, 15-16, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daneshvar (U.S. Patent No. 5,728,066) in view of Adams et al. On page 5 of the Final Office Action, claims 1-2, 6, 8-12, 15-16, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shapiro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,027,812) in view of Adams et al. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2, 6, 8-12, 15-16, and 24, without prejudice, rendering the rejections moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 5 of the Final Office Action, claims 17-21 and 26 were indicated by the Examiner as being allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner and notes that, with this Amendment, only allowed claims 17-21 and 26 remain pending.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims, namely claims 17-21 and 26, are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

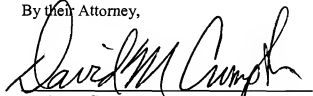
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